

Language teachers is Contemporary French Writers, or selections from French writers of the second part of this century, with notes and literary notices. Edited by Mlle. Rosine Melle. Ginn & Co.

Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co. have just published a work on *Mathematics for Common Schools*, in three parts, viz., Primary, Intermediate and Higher. This work is distinguished by the great attention paid to reviewing and drilling. It is well arranged and practical.

*Bell's English Classics.* We have been favoured with two neat volumes, edited by F. Ryland, M.A. "Johnson's Life of Pope" and "Johnson's Life of Swift." An introduction, and good notes add to the interest of the book. London: Geo. Bell. New York: Macmillan & Co.

Volume twenty-sixth of the *International Education Series* (New York: D. Appleton & Co.) is an important one—"Symbolic Education" by Susan E. Blow. It is comprised in eight chapters and is primarily the first part of a Commentary on Froebel's "Mother Play," which is perhaps his most important work. But it is more than this. A careful, experienced and successful educator herself, the authoress has written a book which will be in many ways of real value to the teaching profession in general.

We have also received the following books: From Messrs. Ginn & Co.

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"The Inflections and Syntax of the Morte D'Arthur." A Study in Fifteenth Century English. By Prof. Baldwin of Columbia College.

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"A Preparatory German Reader. Edited by C. L. Van Daell. (This is specially valuable for the excellence

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"A new Elementary English Grammar" has just appeared from the "Pitt Press." It is the work of Mr. Alfred S. West, M.A., Fellow of University College, London, and is, in many respects, one of the best grammars we have seen of late. English grammar is by no means an easy subject to teach and every good teacher knows that the use of new books helps to keep his work fresh. We scarcely agree with Mr. West's remarks on mood, and we think his classification of nouns defective, but the book is certainly a useful one. There is a good index.

The Rev. Dr. Withrow, editor of the Canadian Methodist Magazine, whose literary activities have made his name familiar on both sides of the Atlantic, is putting through the press a *Monotessaron*, or *New Harmony of the Gospels*, which will be of much interest and value to Bible students. It interweaves into one continuous narrative the story of the Life of the Saviour, which is the special subject of the International Sunday School lessons for the year, which begins with the coming July. This book will be published simultaneously in Canada and the United States. The Canadian publisher is William Briggs. The book will be issued in convenient pocket size and will sell at fifty cents.